



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes and Action Items: July 5, 2012

Chairman: Marshall
Others Present: Glover, Gordon, Orrill, Schaaf, Smith, Coffman
Absent: Nicolson
City Staff: Aaron Klemm
Commission: None
Council Members: Connie Boardman
Public: Guy Stivers

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M.

II. Approval of Minutes

No minutes

III. Public Comments

Guy Stivers, CPR for the Mesa, provided a powerpoint presentation on the restoration progress of the Lower Bolsa Chica Mesa, the Smartscape project and the Elmer Avenue Green Street Demonstration Project.

The Lower Mesa update included an overview of the proposed terra farms which would provide a nursery facility to grow native grasses, compost/vermiculture weeds for soil restoration, harvest rainwater, be solar powered, provide animal habitat, produce bio-fuels and offer volunteer opportunities for community members.

Smartscape is a partnership between Orange County Coastkeeper, Southern California Edison and a team of landscape professionals. The project involved 3 acres of turf removal in Orange that was replaced with a resource efficient landscape. Some unique aspects of the project include: environmental stewardship, living soils and water-efficient irrigation and landscaping.

The Elmer Avenue Green Street Demonstration Project is a demonstration green street in the LA Basin involving best management practices and community participation.

IV. Action Items:

- A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Updates and Announcements-
Grassy Knoll Update (Coffman/Marshall)

The plant palette has been revised and meetings will take place soon.

- B. EIR

- Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 11-007 – Pierside Pavilion

(Orrill/Nicholson/Smith)

It was the opinion of the review committee that the EIR as submitted was poorly prepared. Issues included traffic flow level of service going from level C to D without appropriate mitigation. Additional issues include no or inadequate reference to storm water, solid waste disposal, greenhouse gas production, energy benchmarking, recycling (on-site & AB 341), demolition debris, and bike access/parking, etc. Comments will be provided to Nicholson to draft Environmental Board response and item will be placed as an action item next month.

C. FIELD TRIPS

Future field trip discussion tabled to next meeting. Recommendation to move Eco-log to guest speaker.

D. RE-USABLE BAGS AD HOC COMMITTEE (Marshall, Coffman, Orrill)

No Update

E. GREEN ENERGY COMMITTEE (Smith, Gordon, Marshall)

- SCE Regional Strategic Plan

No Update

F. COMMUNICATIONS (Glover/Orrill/Coffman/Smith)

- Chamber & Marketing & Visitors Bureau

- i. Business Sustainable Action Committee

Currently working on ways to educate business community.

- ii. Sustainable Surf City

Klemm reported that preliminary data on energy audits is looking promising.

- iii. Green Expo

Demonstrations are being coordinated by Coffman and Gordon. A proper location for the demonstrations are needed. Recruiting is ongoing for Green Expo participants. The date is set for September 15, 2012. A sign up sheet for volunteers to man the EB booth is needed for next meeting.

- Marketing, Education & Outreach

Shipley Energy/Renewable Outreach by SCE

Southern California Edison's donation to Shipley Nature Center cannot be spent on renewable energy. Klemm is currently working with Shipley Board to find a commercial underwriter for renewable component so that they can accept \$20,000 SCE donation.

G. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS (Marshall/Gordon/Nicholson)

A shopping list of categories and descriptions is being researched and will be brought to the next EB meeting.

H. WATER QUALITY TOPICS

Feedback from Public Works stated that this topic was not within the Environmental Board's jurisdiction. Comment: Water Quality is within EIRs thus within the Environmental Board's jurisdiction.

I. ANNUAL EB REPORT

Gordon is working on it. Smith suggested an update on the City's website regarding the Environmental Board's roles and responsibilities. In addition, the Environmental Board's brochure needs to be updated.

VI. Administrative Items

A. Correspondence/News Articles/Announcements

Klemm announced that the City's street lights will be a topic at the August 6, 2012 City Council meeting study session. Environmental Board support was recommended.

B. Information on Fireworks

Discussion identified environmental concerns including: street clean-up, drainage issues, air quality, etc. The sale of fireworks was a success in regard to the financial impact for local nonprofits and community organizations.

C. Requests to Place Items on the Next Agenda

Recruitment of future Environmental Board members is needed.

VII. Good and Welfare

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned 7:43 P.M. The next meeting will be held at 5:30p.m. on August 2, 2011 in room B7.